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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: F-16: PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND OFFSET

1. DURING MARCH 31 CALL ON ME, DEFENSE UNDERSECRETARY
HOLST PRONOUNCED HIMSELF WELL SATISFIED WITH RECENT REORGANIZATION
OF PAYMENT SCHEDULE ALTHOUGH HE NOTED 1979 PAYMENTS WERE STILL AT
ISSUE. IN GENERAL, HE ADDED, PRESSURE WAS CERTAINLY MUCH REDUCED
NOW THANKS TO USG EFFORTS.

2. HOLST FURTHER STATED THAT GON RECOGNIZED THAT IT MAY BE
DIFFICULT TO REACH 58 PERCENT OFFSET. HOWEVER, THEY DID BELIEVE
THAT IF REMAINING CONTRACTS ARE LET IN NORWAY AND DENMARK, IT
WOULD HELP. ALSO, HE STATED THAT GON WAS ALERT TO OFFSET
POSSIBILITIES OUTSIDE THE F-16 PROGRAM: E.G. PENGUIN MISSILE,
ARTILLERY FUSES, JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

3. GON UNDERSTOOD, HOLST SAID, THAT PRESENCE OF EXISTING AIRCRAFT
INDUSTRY IN BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS OBVIOUSLY WORKED TOWARDS
THOSE COUNTRIES RECEIVING LARGER SHARE OF OFFSET WORK. BUT HOW
MUCH LESS NORWAY WOULD END UP RECEIVING THAN BELGIUM OR
NETHERLANDS WAS OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPORTANCE.

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4. COMMENT: HOLST'S STATEMENT ON OFFSET IS FIRST INDICATION
WE HAVE HAD THAT GON IS TAKING MORE REALISTIC VIEW OF POSSIBILITIES;
ALTHOUGH IS IS CLEAR NORwegians WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS HARD FOR
ADDITIONAL CONTRACT CITING FAILURE TO MEET OFFSET GOALS
IN NORWAY AS REATIONALE. HOLST'S POSTURE ON PAYMENTS SCHEDULE
PROBABLY ASSISTED BY EXCELLENT CONVERSATIONS HE HAD IN WASHINGTON
WITH UNDERSECRETARY DUNCAN AND OTHER DEFENSE OFFICIALS AND VERY

REAL RESULTS HE WAS ABLE TO SHOW HIS COLLEAGUES SHORTLY AFTER
RETURNING.
ANDERS

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